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THE SCHOOLS IN DANGER.

Another evidence of democratic blundering and incompetency is furnished by the decision of the supreme court last Monday, declaring the law fatally defective providing for voting money for school purposes at special elections.

A special session of the legislature is being urged by some of the state newspapers to remedy the defect, and it looks as though one should be held.

THE HONORS TO DEWEY.

As some newspaper has truly remarked, all this honor that is being paid Dewey is not on account of the personality of the man nor on account of the great victory he won in Manila bay.

This all goes to show that the people will uphold the administration in the course it has adopted toward the new territory acquired by the war.

THE INCREASE OF MONEY.

What, we wonder, will the free silversites argue next year about the gold standard contracting the currency, and decreasing the amount of money in circulation?

of 4 cents per head of population for the month and of \$1.21 as compared with October 1 last year.

AS TO MCKINLEY'S SPEECHES.

The esteemed Anaconda Standard says President McKinley is open to much adverse criticism on account of the speeches he is making this week on his western tour.

But if it is improper for President McKinley to make a few speeches, what is to be said of would-be-president Bryan? He hasn't done anything but make speeches for the past three years, generally at so much per speech, until his continual chatter has made him ridiculous.

The estimated Standard is rash to so criticize President McKinley, in the face of the record that Bryan is making, and has made.

The national irrigation congress at its recent meeting at Missoula, strongly endorsed the policy favoring the construction of storage reservoirs by the federal government for flood protection and to save for use in aid of irrigation and navigation.

San Francisco Chronicle: Wanted—An issue! It is a sign that ought to be tacked over democratic headquarters.

The democrats would be willing to declare for expansion if they could induce Dewey to accept the presidential nomination.

It is dollars to doughnuts that you'll find the democratic party championing the cause of the Boers, not because the democrats think the South Africans are in the right, but because the party that is always agin' the government expects to catch votes.

Colonel Bryan should be sent to New York to help out the yacht races; he could raise enough wind to strip the spars of both yachts.

ADVERTISING BILLINGS.

A Few of the Press Comments on the Illustrated Historical Edition.

Speaks Well for This Paper. Forsyth Times: The Illustrated Historical Edition of The Billings Gazette speaks well for that energetic paper.

Sheridan Post: The Billings Gazette came out last week in a very fine dress and contained a creditable writeup of Billings and its leading citizens.

to Brother Boardman on the finest illustrated edition that has so far landed on our table.

A Treasure of Information.

Forsyth Times: The Illustrated Historical Edition of The Billings Gazette reflects well the enterprise and push of the growing metropolis of eastern Montana.

Full of Valuable Information.

Butte Inter Mountain: The Illustrated Historical Edition of The Billings Gazette, just at hand, is a publication that reflects great credit on that ably conducted newspaper.

Finest in the State.

Big Timber Pioneer: One of the finest special editions ever gotten out in this state is the Illustrated Historical Edition of The Billings Gazette, which was received at this office last week.

Billings May Take a Just Pride in It. Bozeman Chronicle: The Billings Gazette has our sincere thanks for a copy of its Illustrated Historical Edition, which has been in course of preparation since early last spring.

Is a Fine Edition.

Gebo Sentinel: The Illustrated Historical Edition of The Billings Gazette, which has been in course of preparation since last spring, was issued today.

Nothing Too Complimentary.

Butte Miner: The Miner acknowledges the receipt of the Illustrated Historical Edition of The Billings Gazette. It is a very handsome publication of 52 pages, exclusive of the heavy cover, and is filled with interesting cuts and information concerning the Yellowstone country.

Public School Notes.

The inertia of the average American is remarkable in certain matters. He will ride his "wheel" past a big brick several times a day for many days, though he well knows that the first time he rides that way after dark he will be sure to run over it and take a "header."

A few years ago a great many good people believed that the public schools (or at least private ones) should care for the moral welfare of the children of a community.

The present scheme for keeping pupils off the streets is to give them something better to do. The schools attempt this in two ways. The high school course of today is so full of subjects and the standard of excellence in every good high school is so well determined that no pupils of ordinary ability (there are few extraordinary ones) can hope to do the prescribed work in the required time without regular evening hours of home study.

are in the grades below high school. Less provision is made for them, but even here our schools are putting forth a helping hand.

After that, the matter rests with parents and municipal authorities. Parents should keep children off the streets evenings, except under proper conditions, and where parental authority is wanting the city authorities should intervene.

Church Notes.

At Congregational church next Sunday, at 11 a. m., subject "The Nineteenth Century;" evening at 7:30 Mr. Clark will begin a series of discourses on "Religions;" the first will be "Confucius."

Services at the M. E. church Sunday, Oct. 15—Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "Christianity Unique in the Exaltation of Childhood." Sunday school at 12 m. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m.

There will be no services at the Catholic church next Sunday.

At St. Luke's church next Sunday there will be the following services: Morning prayer at 11 o'clock and evening prayer at 7:30 o'clock.

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